

CIA RECORDS CENTER
HISTORICAL PHASES

Research reveals that the initial concept of the present Records Center occurred in Central Registry, Communication Section, Personnel and Administration Division, Executive Office, CIG in March 1946 with an accumulation of administrative correspondence and a few publications. Prior thereto, in OSS days, various components maintained Central Registries, respectively. In July 1947, it emerged as the Central Records Distribution Section, Services, Executive Administrative and Management Office, CIG in an organizational shift preliminary to the institution of CIA which took place on 26 September 1947. A transfer of jurisdiction to OCD in January 1949 was the occasion of identifying it as the Administrative Records Section of the OCD Library Archives Branch. In November 1949, it was transferred to the OCD Central Records Branch and became known as the Records and Files Section. After a subsequent transfer in December 1950 to Administrative Services Office, it was known as the Administrative File Section. In March 1951 it was renamed the Records Center which terminology has prevailed to the present.

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